The cost of printing through private security printers is as below:

One colour	—	Rs, 3.50/-per issue sheet.
Two/Three colour sheet	—	Rs. 4.40/- per issue sheet.
Four/Five colour sheet	—	Rs. 5.25/-per issue sheet
Six/Seven/Eight colour	—	Rs. 6.00/- per issue sheet

(e) The India Security Press, Nashik (not at Pune) is not closed. However, the mufti-colour photogravure stamp printing machine called 'Rambrant' which is used by the press for printing of commemorative postage stamps is out of order. The India Security Press authority is reported to be taking necessary action for repairing the same in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

Free Telephone Connections to the Employees of DoT

189. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

the total number of employees of Department of Telecommunications and Telecom Services to be provided telephone connections free of cost in Karnataka;

the number of free calls to be provided to these employees (bi-monthly); and

whether Government would ensure that the persons in the waiting *list* will not be affected by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, a decision has been taken to extend certain concessions to the employees of Telecom Department in obtaining a private telephone connection. The approximate number of employees eligible to get concession in Karnataka Circle is 22,936. However, no orders have been issued so far as there is an interim stay granted by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court.

(b) The number of bi-monthly free calls admissible to these employees will be 250 calls in rural areas and 150 calls in urban area.

(c) Since the telephone connections will be obtained by the employees in private capacity, these will be provided to the employees in accordance with the prevailing priority in the respective area of exchange and will not affect the persons in the watting list.